

Foodborne Germs Can't Be Seen, Smelled, or Tasted — But They Can Still Make You Sick!

When Dave grills up dinner for the chipmunks, they always remind him to **follow these important safe cooking tips**. Do the same with your parents to **fight foodborne illness** in your family.

- Always use a food thermometer when cooking meat, poultry, eggs, and seafood — you cannot tell if those foods are cooked safely by how they look. Each food should reach the following temperature before it is safe for chipmunks (and you!):
 - ▶ Beef, pork, veal, and lamb, steaks, roasts and chops to 145 °F with a 3-minute "rest time" after removal from the heat source.
 - ► Chicken and turkey whole, pieces or ground to 165 °F
 - Ground meats, including hamburgers and egg dishes, to 160 °F
 - ► Reheat leftovers to 165 °F
- Always place the food thermometer in the thickest part of the food, away from bone and fat to check the temperature.

- When cooking in a microwave oven, stir, cover, and rotate food for even cooking. Use a food thermometer to check the temperature of the food in several places.
- Let food stand for a few minutes after cooking it in the microwave. This gives the food time to finish cooking.
- Always cook eggs before eating them. When cooked, eggs should be firm, not runny.

Kids, see what important Food Safety words you can find in the jumbled letters!

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CHILL MEAT TEMPERATURE
CLEAN POULTRY THERMOMETER
CONTAMINATION SAFE WASH
COOK SEPARATE



